

CHURCH INFO

MDPC Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Latino Ministries Pastor
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 Bob Giles | Interim Business Administrator
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 Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor
 Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Director
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 Christyn Knoop | Young Adults Director
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 Rachel Poysky | Children's Pastor
 Dave Steane | Executive Pastor
 Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Director
 Karen Winship | Human Resources Director

Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson
 Gary Bowker

Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, we ask that you pray for these partners that MDPC assists with your support:

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community. It works to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence.
opendoorhouston.org

Outreach Center of West Houston offers programs that restore purpose and productivity to clients' lives, helping them learn new skills, develop healthy relationships, and experience positive growth. Its core programs include Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Point Resources, Young Life, and Fellowship of Memorial.
oc-wh.org

An MDPC Field Partner in central Asia. This MDPC partner family focuses their ministry on reaching those who have not yet heard about or encountered Jesus Christ. They demonstrate God's love and power within the community and work with local believers on training and modeling church planting. They leverage their creation of a local business to build community and spread the love of Jesus.

Today's Chancel Flowers

have been generously gifted in celebration of the marriage of Dianne and Dan English IV.

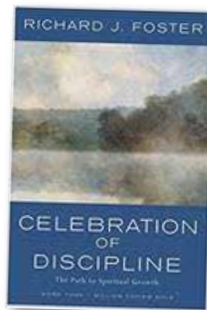
SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN

We are a loving fellowship of women (50+), with hearts that desire to walk in the Spirit. We use the Word to guide us through book study, sharing of experiences, and outreach projects. Join us this fall as we read and discuss together *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster.

Sunday, 9:45 AM | MC 116

Contact Mary Jo Holloman at mjhollo@sbcglobal.com or 713-882-8905 for more information.



MDPC Men support Open Door Mission by building mentoring relationships.

2017 OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,344,428
Actual Income to Date (Aug. 20, 2017)	\$ 5,166,259
Current Income Deficit	\$ 178,169
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 6,233,741

Sunday, August 27, 2017



MDPC
 Memorial Drive
 Presbyterian Church

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Lessons from the Master

John 19:23-27; 20:30-31 • JOHN

Coming Up at MDPC

Elder Nomination Period Ends Tomorrow

Elder Nominations for the class of 2020 are almost closed. Your involvement in this process is essential! Visit nominations.mdpc.org, or pick up a form and return it to the Front Office, Attn: Gena Kooken.

Cheeseburger in Paradise

Join MDPC Men to celebrate the beginning of Men's Life with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf! **Tuesday, Aug. 29 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Parlor** Please RSVP: cheeseburger.mdpc.org Visit our table this morning to learn more about the all-new 12-week Men's Life starting Sept. 12.

MDPC Movie Series: Luther

500 years ago, one man changed the world. Martin Luther's faith launched the greatest revolution ever. There will be a lively and engaging discussion after each screening. Stay after the 3:30 showing (or come before the 6:30) for Wednesday Night Dinner! **Wednesday, Sept. 6 | 3:00 PM or 6:30 PM** Free movie; see dinner pricing at food.mdpc.org. Luther the movie is rated PG-13. Parents, you can review content at pluggedin.com.

Discover MDPC with Alf

Learn about MDPC, its ministries, and what it means to be a member of our faith community at this informal meeting. No commitment required! **Sunday, Sept. 10 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook** membership.mdpc.org

Blood Drive

Pre-registering at giveblood.org helps Blood Center staff provide enough techs so you won't have a long wait. Walk-ins on the day of the drive are welcome. **Sunday, Sept. 10 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM**

Change the World One Child at a Time

Do you have a heart for helping students succeed in school and realize their full potential? In just one hour a week with a young person - reading, doing homework, or simply being a listening ear and encourager - you can change an at-risk student's future. Visit our table this morning in the Breezeway to learn more about:
Tutoring 2nd Graders at Housman ES
 Contact Laura Bushong: lrbushong@att.net
Mentoring 6th Graders at Spring Woods MS
 Contact Robin Helbling: robin.helbling@gmail.com
Helping Children or Teachers at Piney Point ES
 Contact Judy Hartman: judyhartman@gmail.com

Gems & Jewels: Treasure in God's Word

5:30 PM: A Bible study for 3rd-5th grade girls seeking to learn more about the Bible and Jesus!

Scuba: Dive Deep Into Your Faith

6:30 PM: A Bible study for 3rd-5th grade boys who want to get to know Jesus and the Bible better!

Both on Wednesdays starting Sept. 13 | Galaxy

The Book of Daniel

A Beth Moore Bible Study for women, 20s to 40s. The Old Testament Book of Daniel is chock-full of enough royal drama, murderous plots, and end-of-the-world prophecy to make Netflix look tame.

Every other Thursday, Sept. 14-Mar. 22 | 9:30 AM
 Learn more and register: daniel.mdpc.org

New Member Class

Learn about membership from associate pastors and elders, or simply what it means to be Presbyterian.

Sundays, Sept. 17-Oct. 8 | 9:45-11:00 AM | MC 122
 To learn more, visit membership.mdpc.org.



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MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 AM BLENDED - 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME Dave Steane (8:30), Worship Team (9:45)

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brett Hurst (8:30), Laura Miller (9:45)

SONG OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE **The First Disciples: John, Son of Thunder** (John 19:23-27; 20:30-31) Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Uvaldo Callejas, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE *Meditation à Sainte Clotilde* Philip James (1890-1975)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT *Speak, O Lord* arr. John Ferguson (b. 1941)

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* #144; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | HYFRYDOL

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ANTHEM *The Morning Trumpet* arr. Michael Richardson (b. 1955)

OFFERTORY *And Can It Be?* arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

MESSAGE **The First Disciples: John, Son of Thunder** (John 19:23-27; 20:30-31) Alf Halvorson

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* #408; Vs. 1, 4 | GERMANY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Allegro e Maestoso* Christian G. Tag (1794-1811)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, organist

Labor Day Sunday Lunch Burgers & Dogs

Dress casual for church and stay for lunch!

Adult Plate \$7.50 • Child \$3

Family Plan \$20
2 adults & up to 3 children under 12

Sunday, September 3
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Plates include a single hamburger or double hotdog with potato salad, cole slaw, or chips, and an ice cream station for dessert!

Everyone's Invited!



Class Teaching
Small Group Discussion
Individual Journaling
Class Projects

LIVE JUSTLY

Sundays, September 17-November 5
11:00 AM | Room 218

How to go on a mission trip - no passport or suitcase required!

An 8-week in-depth Scriptural and Practical study to help all of us LIVE JUSTLY in 6 essential areas of life:
ADVOCACY PRAYER CONSUMPTION GENEROSITY RELATIONSHIPS CREATION CARE

THE CRAZY CYCLE

Everyone wants a Great Marriage

Discover the unique ways God has designed men and women and how we can support one another in marriage.

For couples in their 20's and 30's
Tuesdays, September 12-October 3
7:00-8:30 PM | Knoops' Home in The Heights
Register: crazycycle.mdpc.org

The Prayers of Paul

6:30 PM | Chapel
paul.mdpc.org

Wednesday Night Bible Study with
MDPC Pastor Emeritus Dave Peterson
Wednesdays, September 20 & 27, and October 11
and Senior Pastor Alf Halvorson
Wednesday, October 4

THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR

Learn about music and choral singing in a fun, worshipful environment!
All kids grades K-5 are welcome. Sign up at themusicbox.mdpc.org.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 29
4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL

MAM
MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES
Back to School

Send kids back to school with needed clothes and shoes!

What your gift will buy:
\$20 Supplies a belt, socks, shoes, and underwear
\$50 Purchases a new uniform and a pair of shoes
\$100 Outfits two children from head to toe
\$___ Your gift of any amount helps kids succeed!

Visit our table in the Sanctuary Breezeway:
Sundays, August 27-September 10

Thank you for supporting kids and MAM!

ERIC METAXAS

#1 New York Times BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Tuesday, October 10

Tickets are required, but free when you register:
speakers.mdpc.org

Coming to MDPC this Fall

SPEAKER SERIES

MDPC HUNGER INITIATIVE

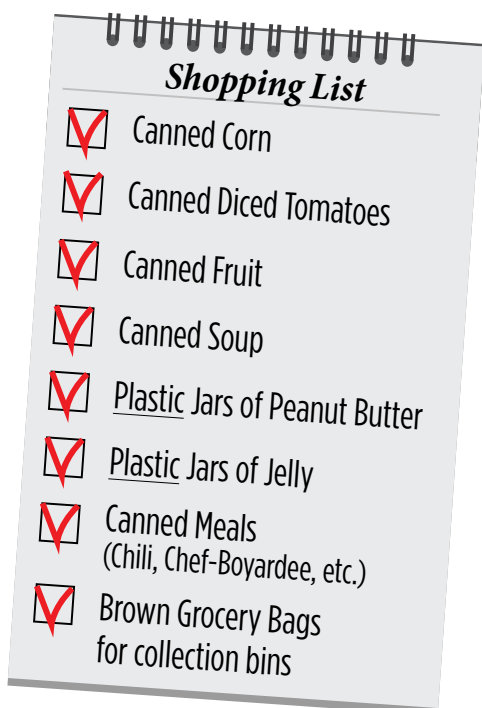
FIGHTING CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN HOUSTON



Next Sunday,
September 3, MDPC
is collecting the items
listed at right for the
East Spring Branch
Food Pantry. Drop
donations in paper
grocery bags in the
bins around campus.

Sponsored by the
MDPC Task Force to end
Childhood Hunger.

For more information, visit
hunger.mdpc.org.



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MDPC
*Marriage
Retreat*
2017

October 21-22

Woodlands Waterway Marriot

Cost: \$215/couple

marriageretreat.mdpc.org



Spend the weekend relaxing and reconnecting with your spouse! Enjoy a special getaway including fabulous amenities, a comfortable atmosphere, one-on-one date night, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement.

Space is limited! Register today:

marriageretreat.mdpc.org

Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell with questions:

acaldwell@mdpc.org, 713-490-0931



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THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Lessons from the Master
John | John 19:23-27; 20:30-31
Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the second in a series of messages on learning discipleship from *The First Disciples*. Today we look at John, one of the Sons of Thunder.

1. Read Mark 3:13-17. Jesus nicknames James and John “Sons of Thunder.” Most scholars believe that James was probably around 18 years old when Jesus called him; John probably 16. What was your nickname growing up? Why were you given that name? What do you think “Son of Thunder” means?
2. Jesus disciples (mentors, apprentices, teaches, coaches) John. Who were the mentors in your life? What were some of the key things they taught you? How did they teach, or how did you learn from them?
3. Read Luke 9:51-56 and Mark 9:38-41. What occurs in each incident? How does Jesus mentor these young bucks? What advice does He give? How does He model what He’s trying to teach?
4. Read Mark 10:35-45. In what are James and John interested with their request? How does Jesus choose to coach here?
5. John undergoes an amazing transformation. He moves from someone who wanted to obliterate his enemies and obtain status and position, to someone who was known for his teaching on love. Note John 3:16 and 1 John 4:7-12, 18-21. Do you think he could have made the transformation on his own, or was Jesus’ coaching key?
6. Comparing yourself to John, where has your transformation in Christ been most evident? Who have been your mentors in the faith?
7. Sunday’s worship service had some examples of mentoring opportunities. One of the 12 goals I have outlined for MDPC is, “Intentionally mentor at least 25 key servant leaders annually.” That could be through MDPC’s mentoring partnerships with schools, and also *within* the church with people of all ages helping others to grow in faith and faithfulness. Might God be calling you to explore this mentoring area of discipleship? Who might you mentor or be mentored by in the coming months? Brett Hurst (bhurst@mdpc.org) is the point person for mentoring within MDPC, and Robin Helbling (robin.helbling@gmail.com) is the point person for mentoring in area schools.

